

Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

1/11/16

1:00-2:30 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath	x	Suzanne Bohan	x	Paul Logan	x	Darcy O'Connor	x
Deb Thomas	x	Aaron Urdiales	x	Elyana Sutin	x	Jennifer Schuler	x
Joan Card	x	Paula Smith	x	Martin Hestmark	x	Rick Buhl	
Alfreda Mitre	x		x	Sandy Stavnes	x	Patrice Kortuem	x
		Pat Gilbride	x				
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	x	Jeffrey Martinez					

RLT meeting at 2:30 today

1. Special Topics –CRAFT Sharepoint – Json Marruffo – Postponed until 1/25

2. HQ Call

- The Deputy Administrator will attend an event at the White House to recognize the one-year anniversary of the Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Finance Center.
- The Deputy Administrator will participate in a Spills of National Significance exercise; the scenario is an oil train derailment in the Columbia River Gorge.
- Region 6's new Regional Counsel is Jim Payne.
- A biodiesel criminal fraud case has resulted in a 20-year prison term and an order for \$56M in restitution.
- The vote on the Clean Water Rule is imminent. The President has pledged to veto it.
- Water Care technical assistance grants will be announced 1/20, one grant per Region. Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes will receive the grant in R8, the only tribe to receive a grant.
- January is Radon Awareness Month.
- Mike Kenyon will replace Carol Rushin as Acting Assistant Administrator for OEI.
- The new Civil Rights regulation has been released; Velveta Golightly-Howell is attending public awareness meetings around the country.
- The President will give his State of the Union address on 1/12.
- This week the IG will release a report on Region 10 Bristol Bay.

3. RA/DRA/Policy

Advisor Highlights – Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep

Shaun

- Shaun and Deb traveled to Montana last week. It has been decided that the MOO Director position will not be refilled. The topic will be discussed further at RLT today and Resource Management tomorrow.
- While in Montana, also met with Tracy Stone-Manning, Tim Baker, Tom Livers and Harley Duncan. Topics discussed were Superfund, Clean Power Plan, Colstrip, Lake Koocanusa, East Helena and Butte.
- On 1/8, participated on a call with the Administrator on oil and gas, led by Teresa Marks. Included a brief update on Wyoming's draft Pavillion report.

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- Today, will participate on a call with ND Senators, Congressman and Governor re. 114 requests to oil and gas companies.
- The 1/14 in person consultation in Fort Duchesne with the Ute Tribe on potential oil and gas FIP and the Clean Power Plan was cancelled, but hopefully it can be rescheduled as a conference call.
- On 2/5, HQ will host in Denver a meeting for state, local and tribal stakeholders on monitoring in the Animas and San Juan Rivers. Tom Burke and Joel Beauvais and other HQ representatives are expected to attend.
- Update on Andrew Johnson case.
- Will travel to Kansas City for the 1/13 meeting of R7 and R8 Agriculture Directors.

Deb

- The Inclusion and Diversity Council met on 1/7. Goal is to change the R8 culture. Will tie in the Special Emphasis Programs; hired a consultant. Senior management must be involved in taking direct action. Deb and Rick are champions. Principal Deputy General Counsel Kevin Minoli will present on Transgender on 1/13. Martin Luther King event will be held on 1/19.
- Resource Management meeting tomorrow will discuss the MOO changes and organizational changes beyond water.

4. Report from Deputies – At 1/7 meeting, reviewed position vacancies but were unable to complete the list; will meet again tomorrow.

5. Round Robin
- Martin – Update on Montenore and Lean event with ATSDR.
 - Suzanne – Update on Anaconda; will consult with EPR. Update on Black Tail Creek criminal investigation in ND.
 - Aaron – Update on Red Shirt.
 - Paul – During Kevin Minoli's visit, he will speak on Transgender and meet separately with Shaun, Deb and ORC.
 - Alfreda – Setting up call with Southern Ute Tribe, hopefully on 1/15.
 - Paula – Door-to-door distribution of clean-up information in Pueblo went well; residents were encouraged to allow access for sampling. More community meetings will be held this week.
 - Pat – The IG team on

Gold King is meeting this week.

- Patrice – Compass will be down beginning 2/5 for a month. Security Awareness training will be offered on 1/12 and 1/14. Beginning 1/15, the IT Help Desk will be open from 7:00-5:00.

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RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS

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